

Hope Lutheran Church Council – May 8, 2023

“As God’s people, abounding in hope, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ”

Call to Order @ 18:30

Roll Call: Bob Klimpke, Carol Mohr, Terrie Hanke, Mary Luhman-Turner, Mike Weber, Leanne O’Bryan, Allison Martinson, Pastor Mary Erickson, Lee McMullen

Glimpses of God: Caramel Roll Sunday, Everything is blooming – spring has sprung!

Devotion: In scripture from Numbers 11:4, we learn one person can have a huge impact on a gathering. Make me a force for the building up of people when I gather in a group.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Carol M/Allison M - Passed

Additions to the Agenda: None

Treasurer’s Report: Lee presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April. Motion to accept by Leanne O/Allison - Passed

Old Business:

Moving Accounts to RCU: Ann is pleased with the transition and the ease of using RCU as well as the increased interest. Motion to place interest earned on RCU accounts in the General Fund by Terrie H/ Leanne O - Passed

Sanctuary Electronics and Projection: Received bid from B&B for raising light fixtures to eliminate shadow on projection screens. Extra down rod will be shortened and rethreaded rather than purchasing new down rods.

Pulpit Brow: Q&A on Sunday. Show of hands indicated majority are in favor of removing the brow. Removal will happen this summer so that youth in summer programs can assist with painting. Motion to proceed with removal by Allison M/Carol M - Passed

Security for Rachel’s Place: Leanne, Pastor Mary and Bob K met w/ECPD for assessment of building – difficult to limit access as this is a church not to mention children play outside on playgrounds. Good news we have obstacles within our building like stairs and doors. Recommend - do what we can that is reasonable. Meeting scheduled with Bethesda’s security team. CVTC will do active threat training for Rachel’s Place staff.

New Business:

Synod Assembly: Theme - Rebound from Worry to Wonder; Seven resolutions – Creating an environment that supports diversity, equity and inclusion; Land Acknowledgement; Changing procedure for Electing Bishop; Minimum standards for 2024 compensation and benefits; Approval of Synod operating budget; Campus Ministry presentation time; Transfer of church to adjoining conference

Shares of Hope: Requests to cash out shares of Hope have been received from two holders. Exploring multiple ways to fund these cash out requests

Expand our Welcoming Spirit Update: A Welcoming Statement for Hope has been drafted. A straw poll will be conducted in June to measure congregation desire to become a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) congregation.

Endowment Disbursement: \$1,462.90 received from ELCA; \$900 designated for Community/Synod Outreach - \$250 Neighbor to Neighbor, \$200 Stand in the Light memory

Choir, \$250 Luther Park (retire the debt with Dave), \$200 Fund 13; \$500 designated to ELCA Missions - \$220 Honey Bees and Community Vegetable Garden, \$250 Share of Water Safe Project, \$30 Water Filter. Motion to accept recommendations by Allison Martinson/Mary L-T - Passed

Insurance: Ann – Moving to \$7,500 for diminishing deductible Allison M /Leanne O – Passed: Building limit values – Change from 100% to 80% Leanne/Allison - Passed

Reports:

- Pastor's Report: CPR Training for Staff completed; Interest allocation of \$8,250 from Wolf Trust – \$1,000 to youth for trip next summer; \$3,000 designated to Senior activities and \$4250 to salary of Director of Education & Faith Formation; Airport Neighborhood Association event Aug 2nd – asking council members to support event through leadership

- Board of Education: *(Provide educational and fellowship opportunities for youth & families to encounter the unfolding experience of God's love and equip them for a faithful future.)* Discussed VBS and other summer activities as well as our board's role in building the body of Christ and the importance of intergenerational connections in our congregation. Upcoming events - Mother's Day Coffee Connections, Senior Sunday, National Youth Gathering Info meeting

- Youth Representative: No Report

- Rachel's Place Board: *(To enrich the quality of family life by providing peace of mind to parents and providing a safe and loving environment to children, where they are given opportunities to learn about God's love through nurturing, acceptance, understanding and love provided by those who guide their development.)* Talked about the block Party and how Rachel's place will participate with games and tours, Security Update – reported in Old Business; Child Care Counts funds will be cut in half as of June with hope the Joint Finance Committee will continue funding the program; Interviewing for staff positions

- Board of Outreach: *(Continue supporting the ongoing Outreach programs and Be flexible and open to other needs of the church and our community.)* Caramel Rolls was a huge success, \$824 will be directed to Feed My People for WKMs; continuing discussion on delivering plants to shut-ins for either Christmas or Easter/Spring

- Board of Trustees: *(Maintain a balanced budget, Prepare and present a stewardship program, Communicate financial report to congregation on a regular basis and continue to encourage electronic giving.)* Discussed options to fund requests for cashing in Shares of Hope

- Building & Grounds: Relief Damper (\$1,320); Gathering space AC and damper to be installed this week; Yard work continues; Green Team is beginning a pollinator garden; Repairing damaged rain gutter out spout NW corner of building

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace: 16 beds delivered in March, 20 bed build sponsored by Pablo Foundation with Hope members participating

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer @

Respectfully submitted by Terrie Hanke